

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **HOUSE PASSES OXLEY'S BILL ON PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATES**

INDIANAPOLIS – The full House passed a bill co-authored by State Rep. Dennie Oxley (D-English) that would allow spouses of Purple Heart veterans to qualify for a specialized license plate that recognizes people who get the award.

"Currently spouses of Purple Heart veterans do not qualify to receive the Purple Heart license plate," said Oxley. "Both Purple Heart veterans and their spouses should be able to display to the world the sacrifices they or their husband or wife made to protect our country."

The Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782 during the Revolutionary War. It is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who has been wounded or killed.

Oxley's legislation, House Bill 1105, would not expand the current license plates available to Hoosiers. Instead, it would allow more citizens to be eligible to purchase the Purple Heart license plate.

The bill was passed on a 94 to 0 vote and will now be sent to the Senate, where it will be further debated.

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